

*Famine in Bagepalli Taluk.*

Q.—213. Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY (Bagepalli—Gudibanda).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has come to their notice that a famine situation calling for the immediate opening of gruel centres and providing for mass employment exists in Bagepalli Taluk;

(b) if so, the steps they have taken to relieve the people?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(a) Distress conditions are prevailing. But not a desperate famine situation.

Arrangements were made to provide employment to the maximum possible number of persons in need of it by starting relief works wherever necessary.

No necessity was felt for opening Government gruel centres, as gruel centres were started by philanthropic public. The destitutes were given foodgrains free of cost.

(b) The following are some of the relief measures undertaken by Government:—

(1) Starting of District Relief Works to provide employment to the needy persons.

(2) Supply of fodder hay from Surplus Districts at heavily subsidised rates.

(3) Liberal issue of loans Takavai and Land Improvement.

(4) Liberal issue of subsidy for the excavation of Irrigation wells.

(5) Opening of additional depots and issue of additional ration cards.

(6) Free distribution of foodgrains to the destitutes and the disabled.

(7) Opening of milk Centres for the distribution of milk, multi-vitamin tablets, bread to the destitutes, infirm and indigent children and expectant mothers.

(8) Remission and Suspension of Land Revenue Assessment.

(9) Encouraging the opening of gruel centres by the public supplying rations to them liberally.

*Relief Measures in Famine Centres.*

Q.—214. Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY (Bagepalli—Gudibanda).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether they intend opening gruel centres and providing mass employment in the famine areas of the State?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

Arrangements were made to provide employment to the maximum possible number of persons in need of it by starting relief works wherever necessary.

Regarding gruel centres, no necessity was felt to open Government Centres, as 240 gruel centres were started by the philanthropic public. The destitutes were given foodgrains free of cost.

*Foreign Investments*

Q.—265. Sri K. S. VASAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the details of the amount of foreign investments, names of the concerns, number employed in them, in the State on this day;

(b) the amount of profits declared and taxes paid by the above foreign establishments since Responsible Government came into being;

(c) whether any concessions have been shown to any of these foreign undertakings; if any, what concessions, to what concern and since when given?